

REMARKS

Claims 6-11 are pending. Claims 6 and 9 have been amended. No new matter has been presented.

Support for the amendments to claims 6 and 9 can be found in the specification at pg. 18, lines 8-20.

Claims 6-11 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as being anticipated by Fujioka, JP 2000-56827. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 6 and 9 have been amended to recite “wherein the machine body control means can perform a plurality of movements of the attachment element simultaneously based on the voice instruction issued by the operator.” In other words, a single voice instruction may control more than one movement of the attachment element, thus minimizing the overall number of voice instructions that must be issued by the operator. Fujioka fails to teach or suggest such a feature.

Although Fujioka’s device is capable of controlling the camera and the construction machine simultaneously (paragraph [0019]), it is necessary to use the backup remote control to control the camera while the construction machine is controlled by the voice command. Further, controlling the camera and the construction machine at the same time is not the same as directing multiple simultaneous movements of the construction machine, as claimed in claims 6 and 9. Thus, Fujioka fails to teach or suggest the features of claims 6 and 9.

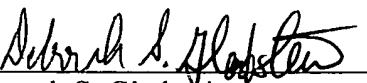
The remaining claims are allowable at least due to their respective dependencies. Applicant requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no.

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